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HEY REN, THANKS
FOR HELPING ME
WITH MY BOX TOP
COLLECTION!



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Box Tops!

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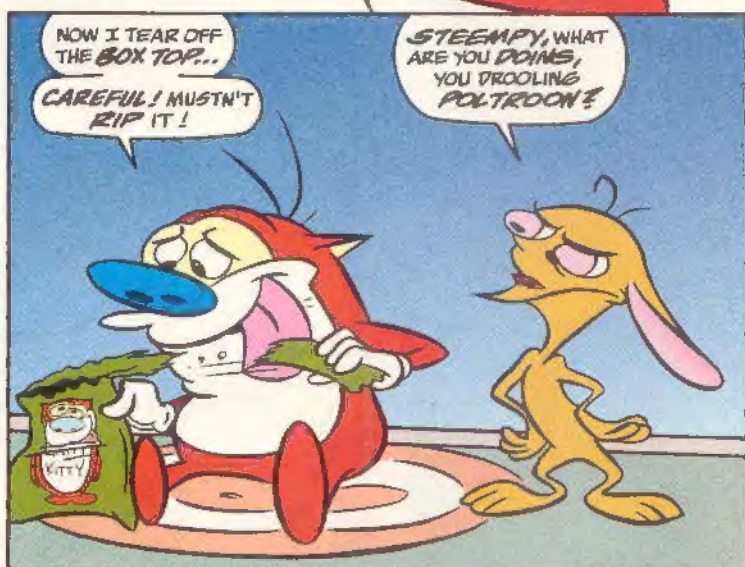
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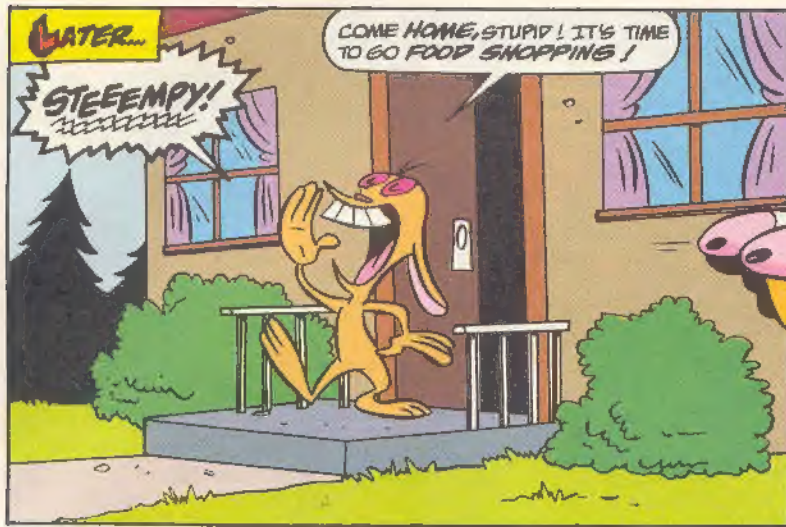
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LOOK AT THAT
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SHINY...DARE I
EVEN DREAM OF
OWNING ONE?



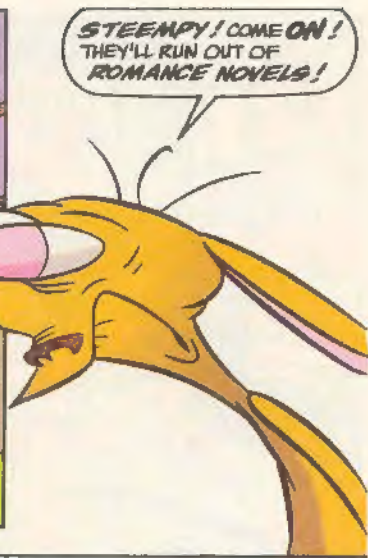
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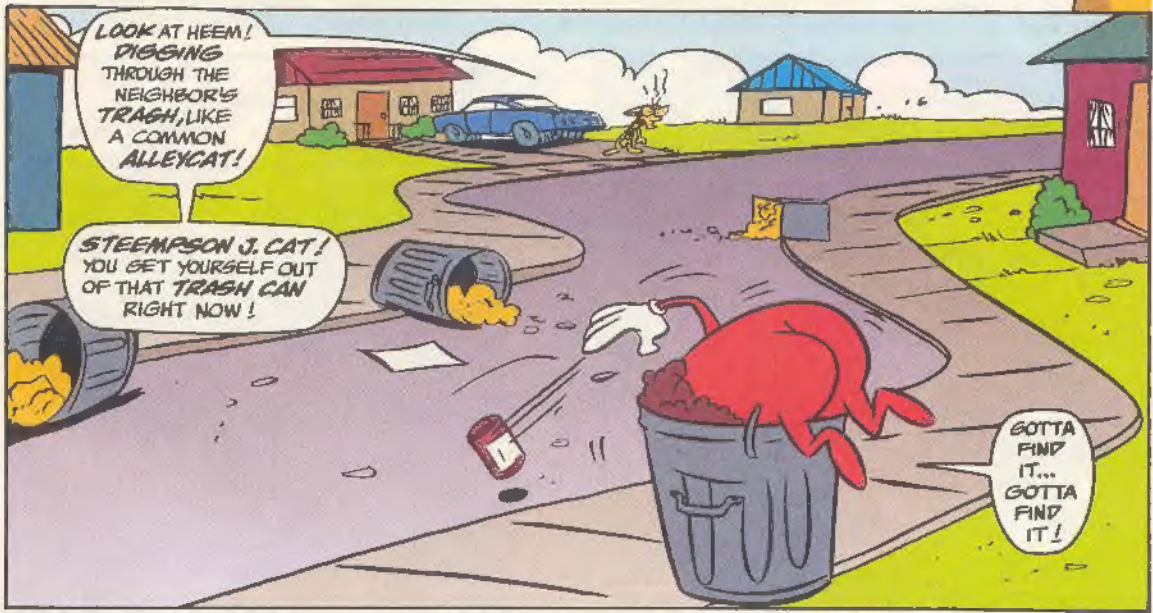


WATER...
STEEEMPY!

COME HOME, STUPID! IT'S TIME TO GO FOOD SHOPPING!



STEEEMPY! COME ON!
THEY'LL RUN OUT OF ROMANCE NOVELS!



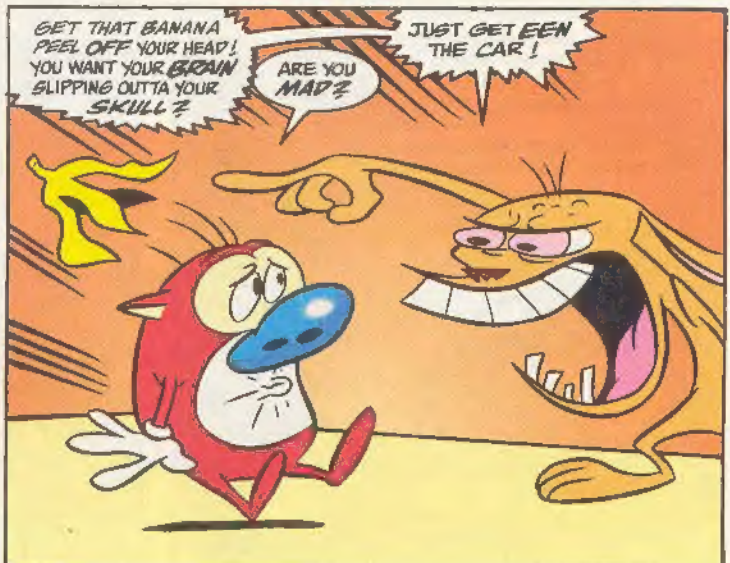
LOOK AT HEEM!
DIGGING
THROUGH THE
NEIGHBOR'S
TRASH, LIKE
A COMMON
ALLEYCAT!

STEEEMPSON J. CAT!
YOU GET YOURSELF OUT
OF THAT TRASH CAN
RIGHT NOW!

GOTTA
FIND
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GOTTA
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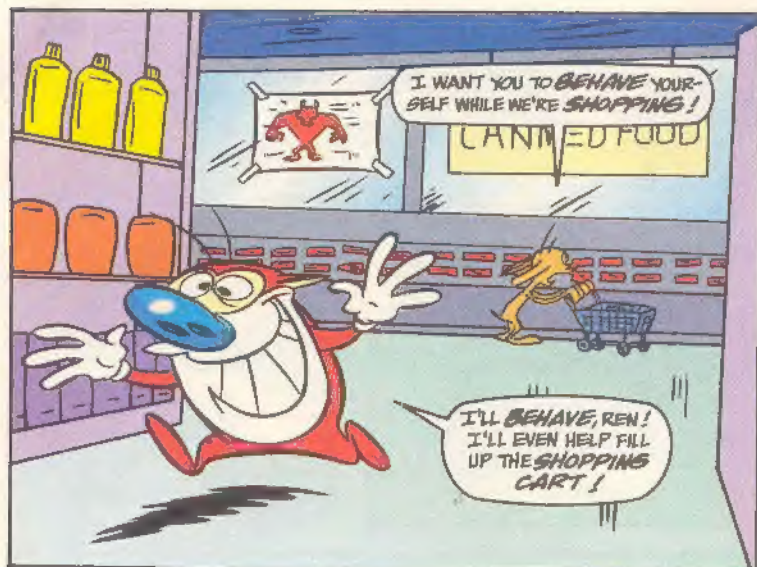
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HAD TO BE A BOX TOP IN
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GET THAT BANANA
PEEL OFF YOUR HEAD!
YOU WANT YOUR BRAIN
SLIPPING OUTTA YOUR
SKULL?

ARE YOU
MAD?

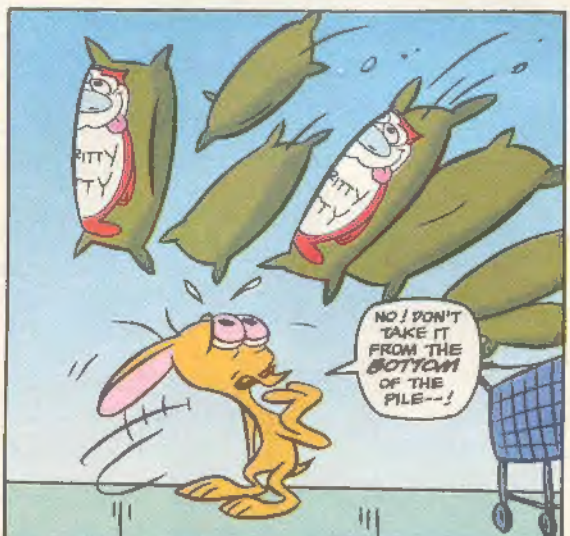
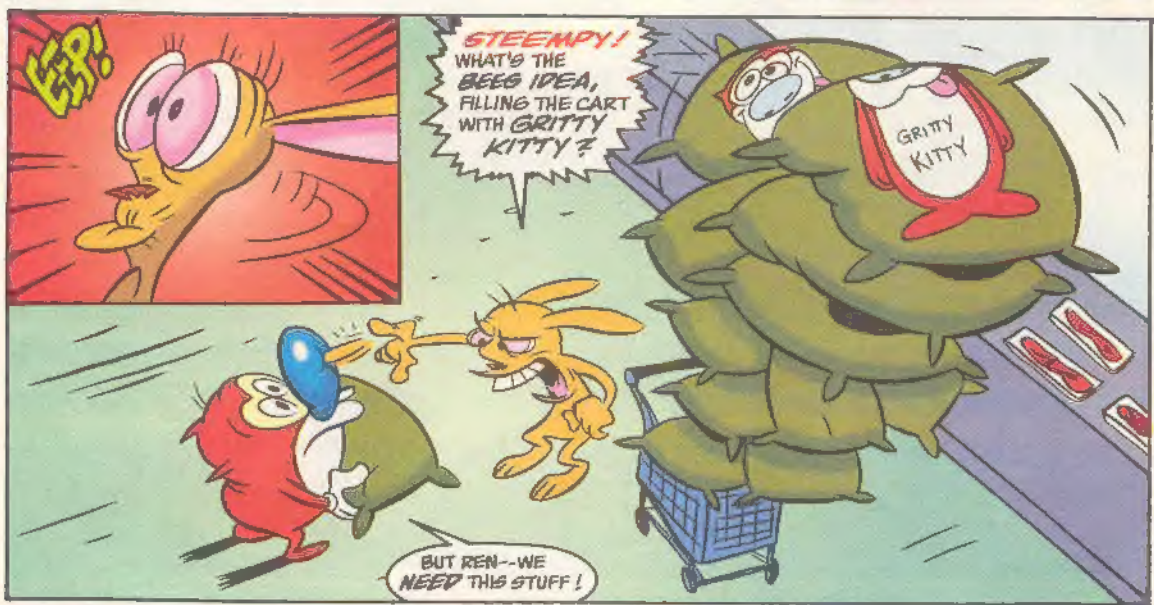
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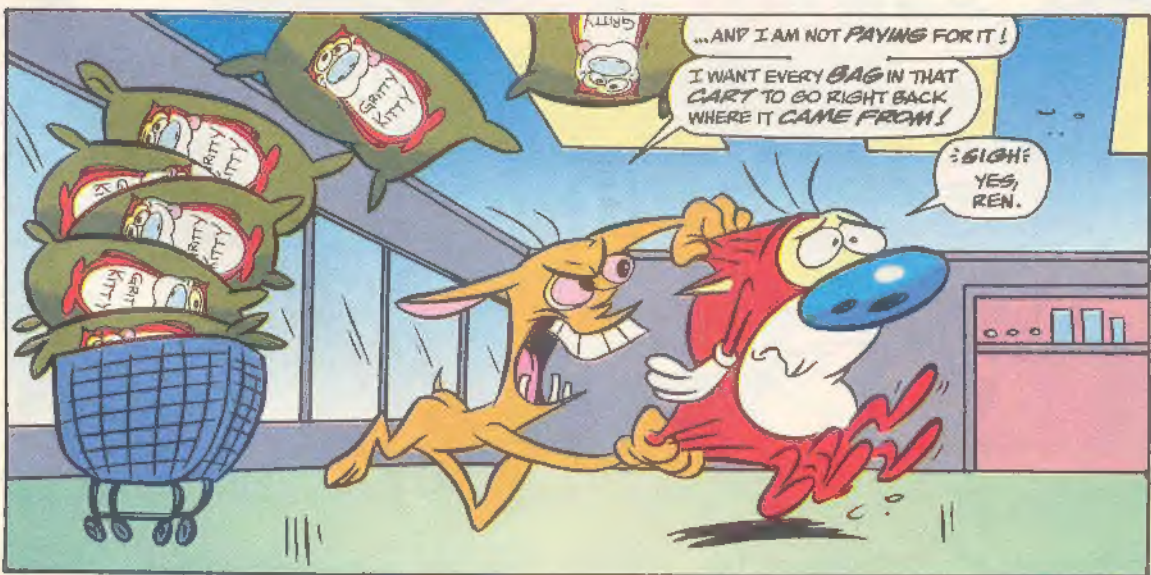
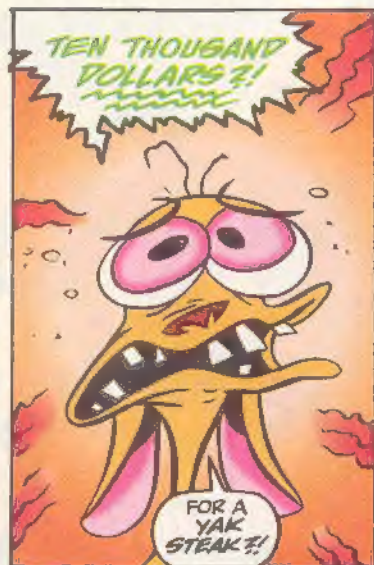


I'LL BEHAVE, REN!
I'LL EVEN HELP FILL
UP THE SHOPPING
CART!

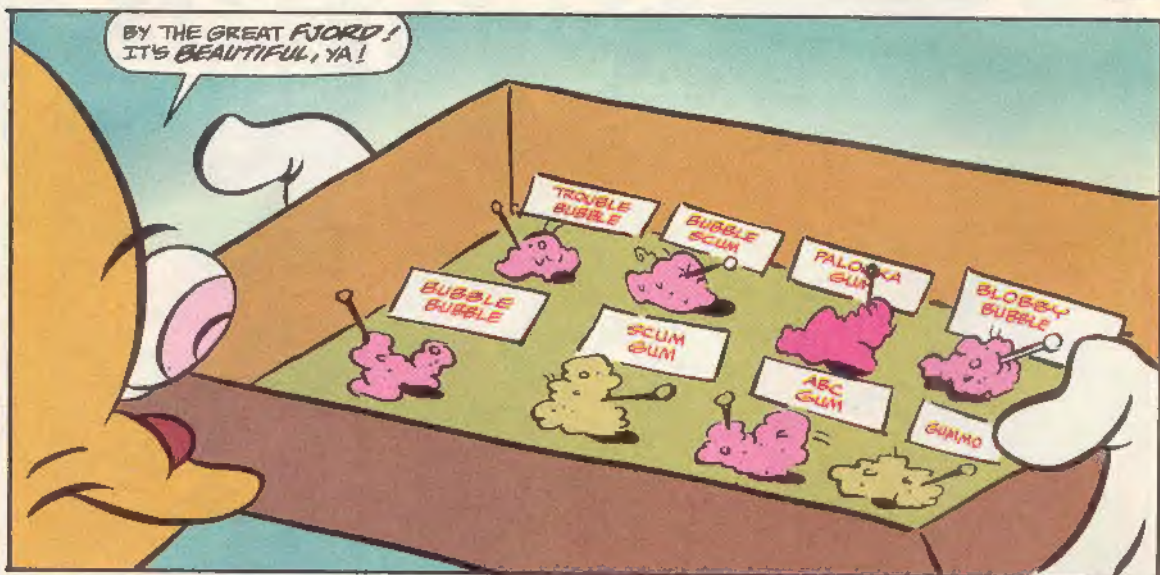


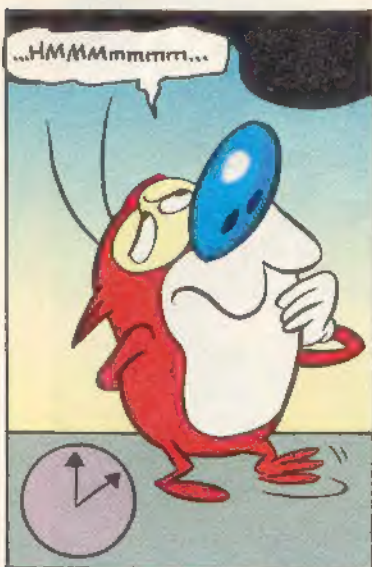
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A SPECIAL THIS WEEK
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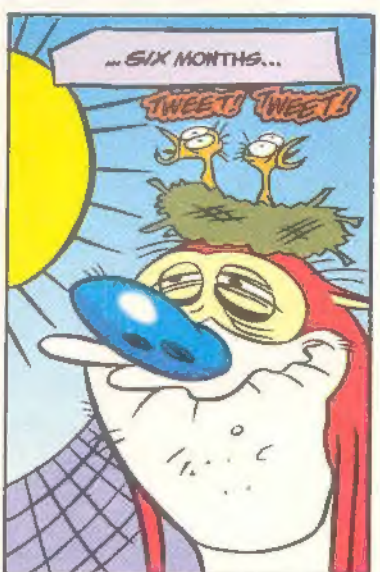
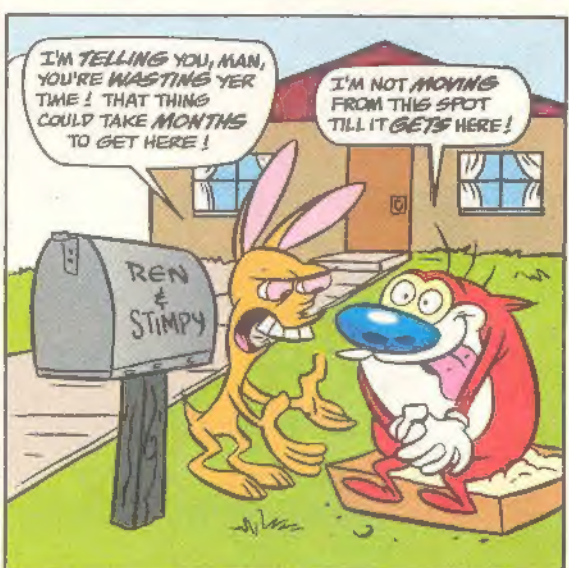
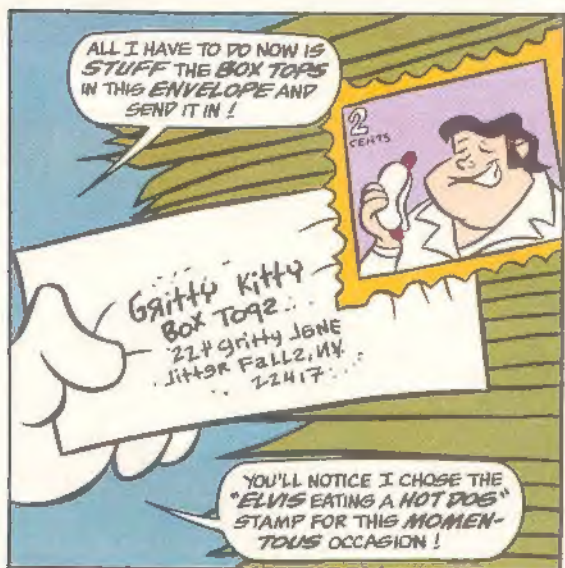




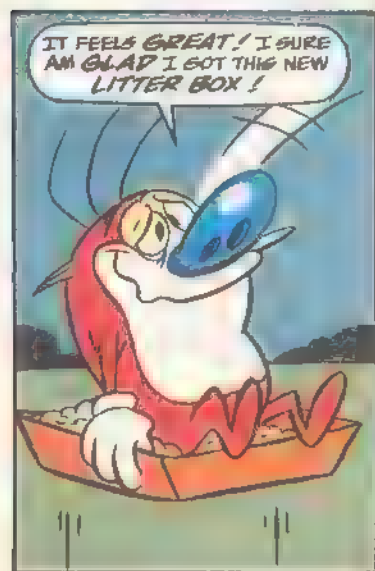
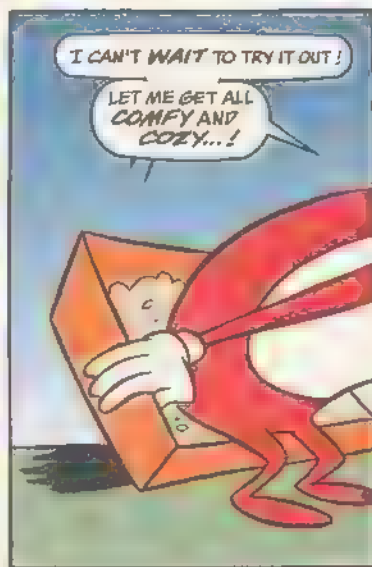
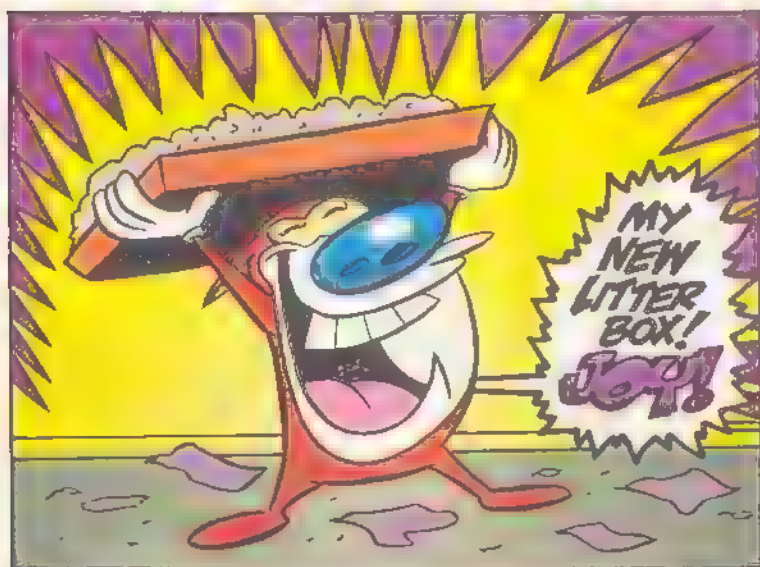
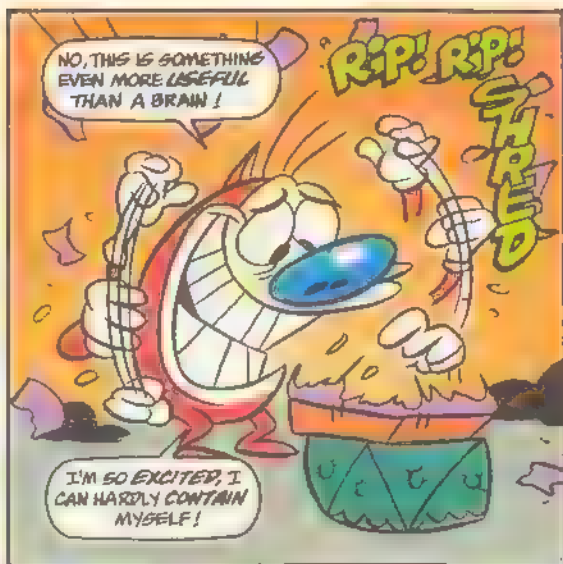
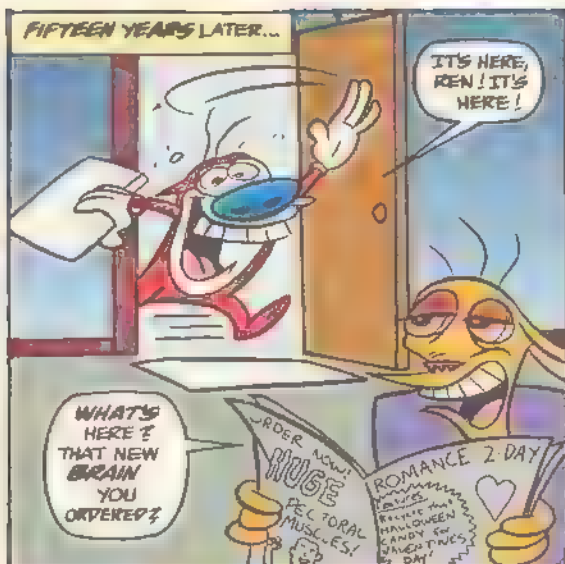


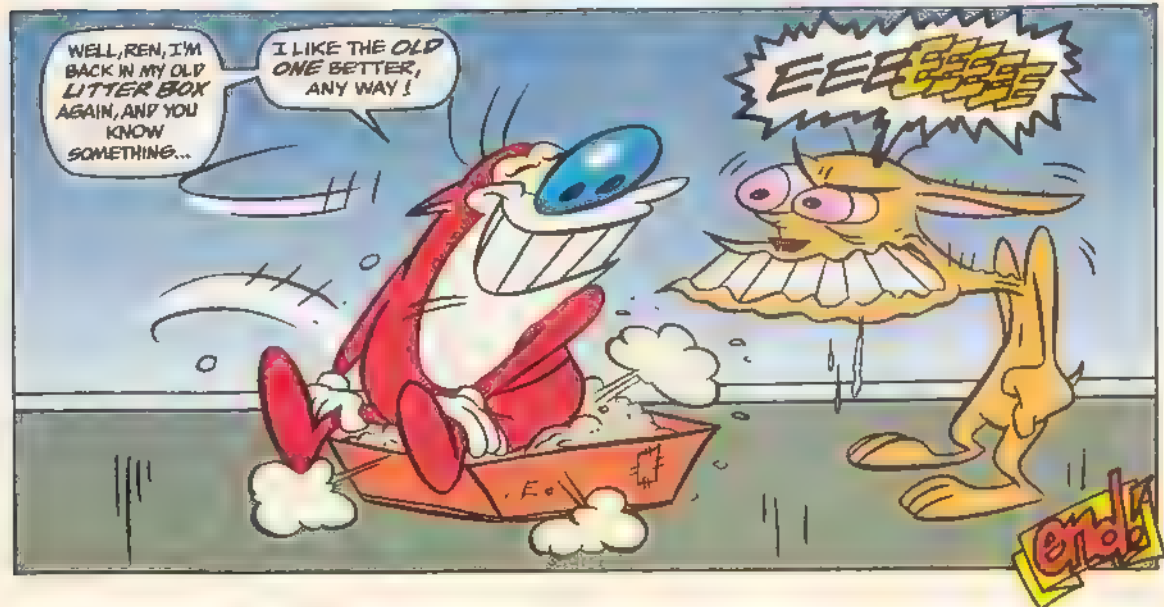
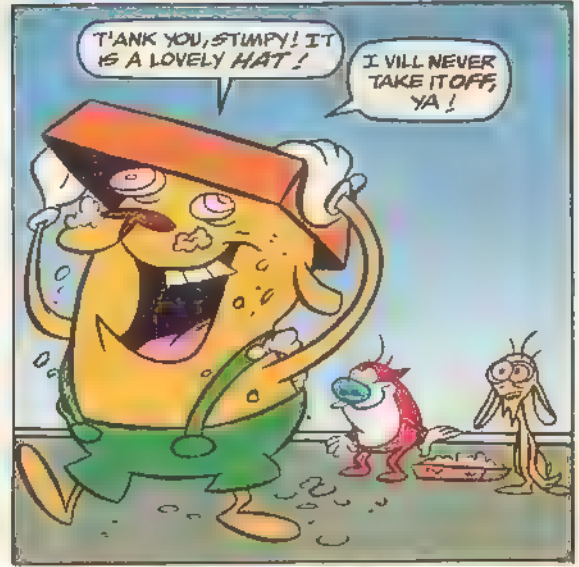
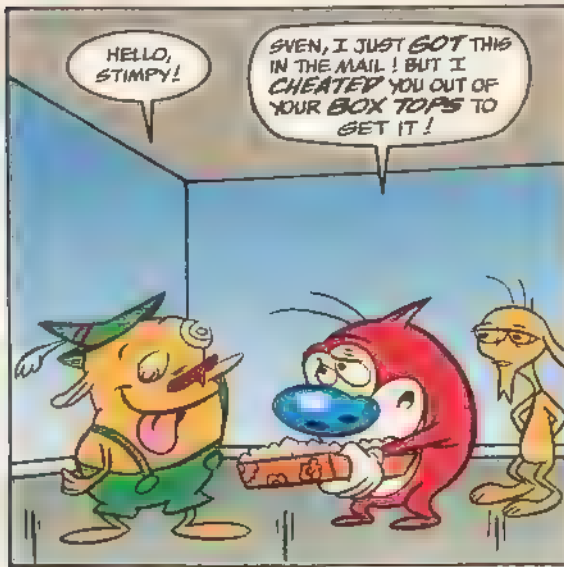
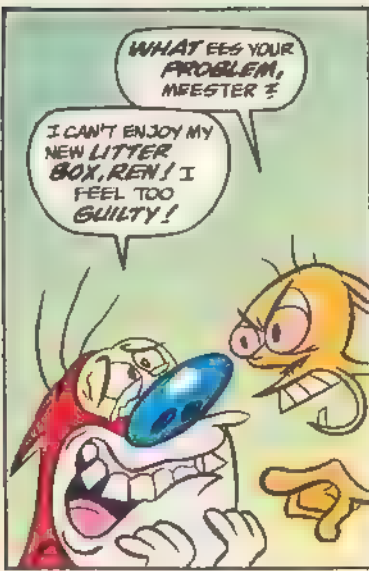






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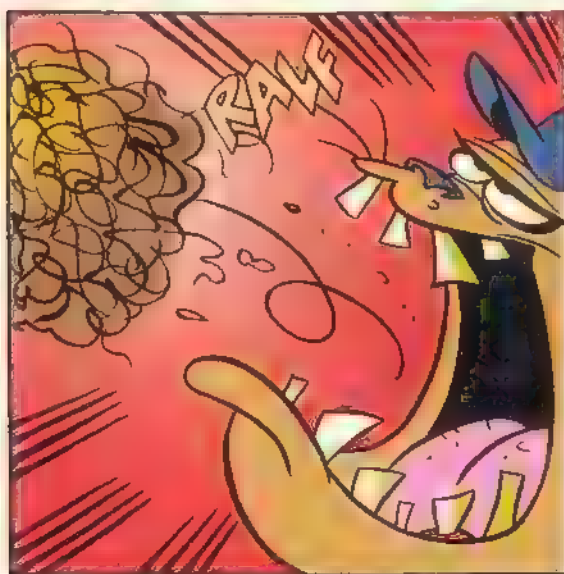
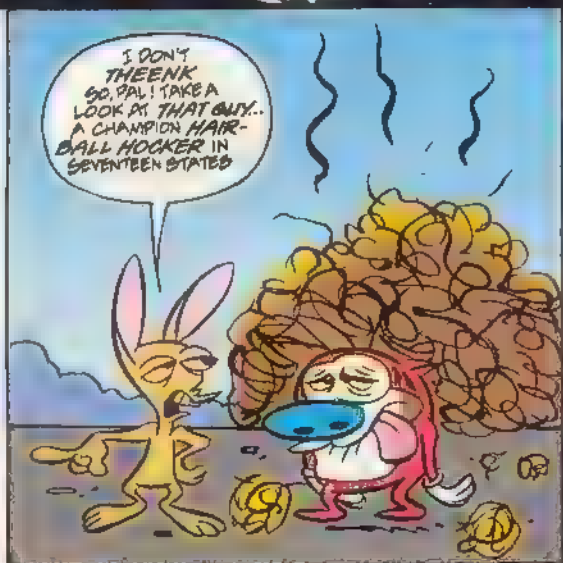
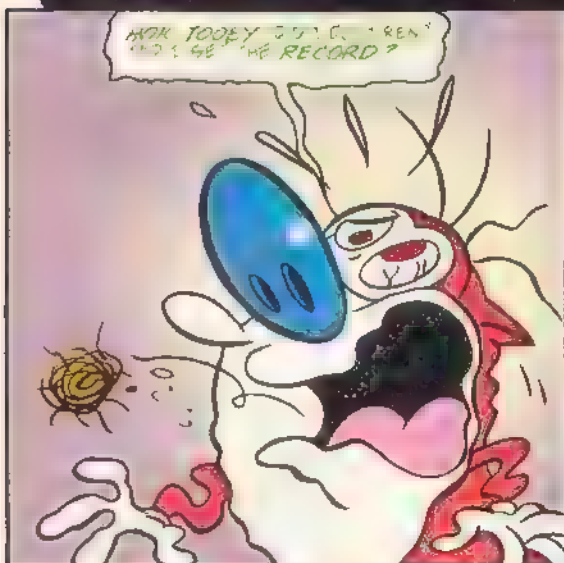
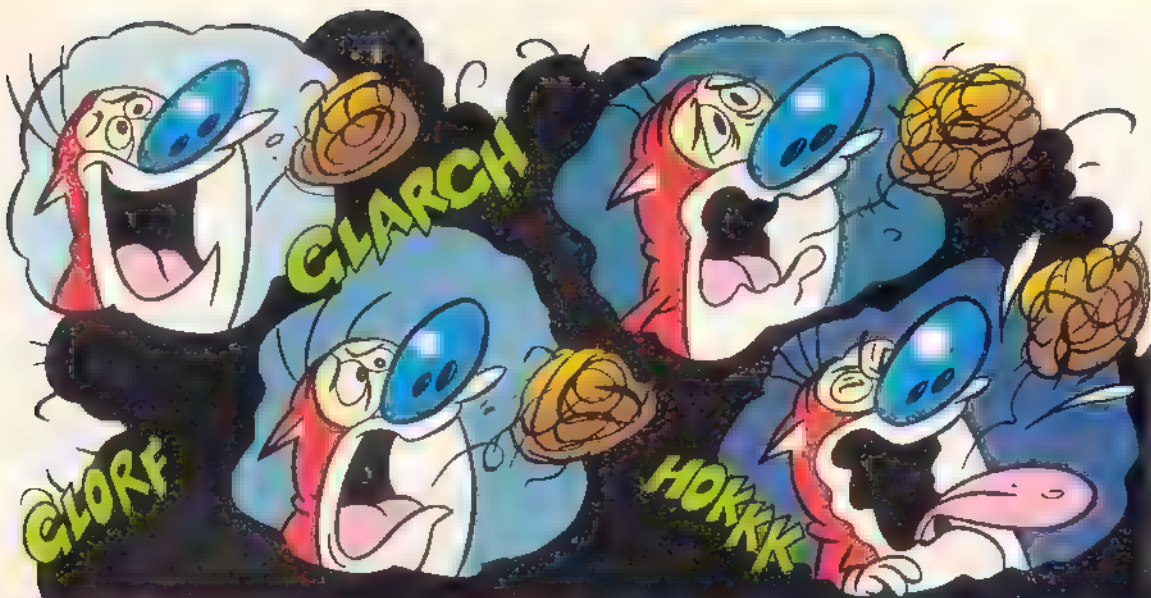




BOOK OF RECORDS!



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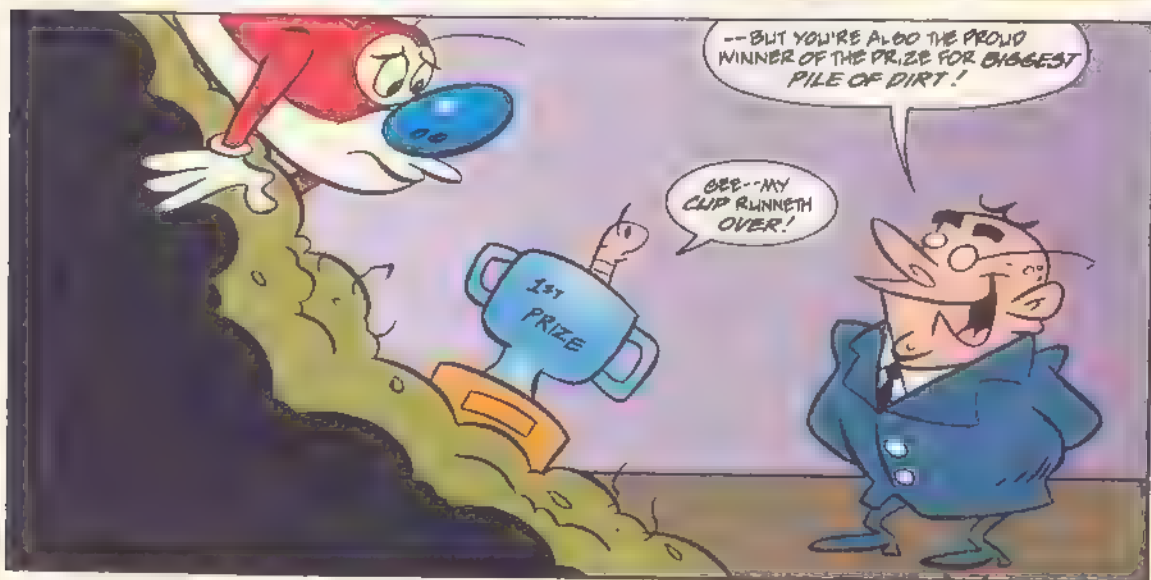
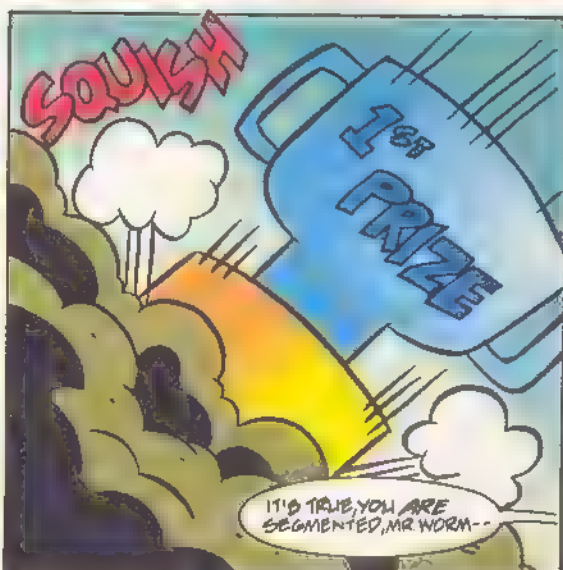
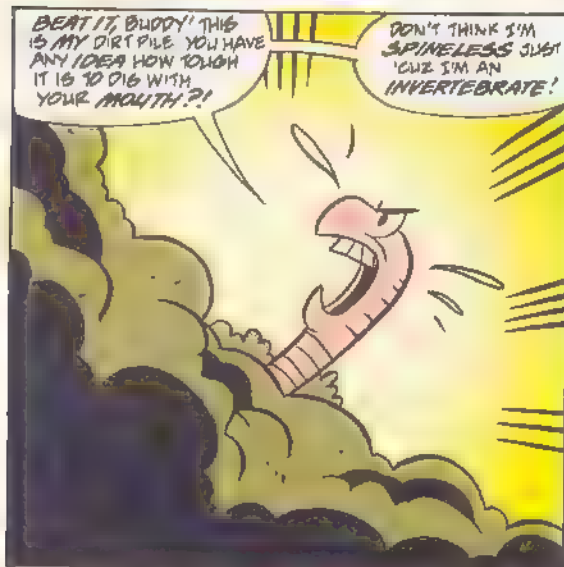


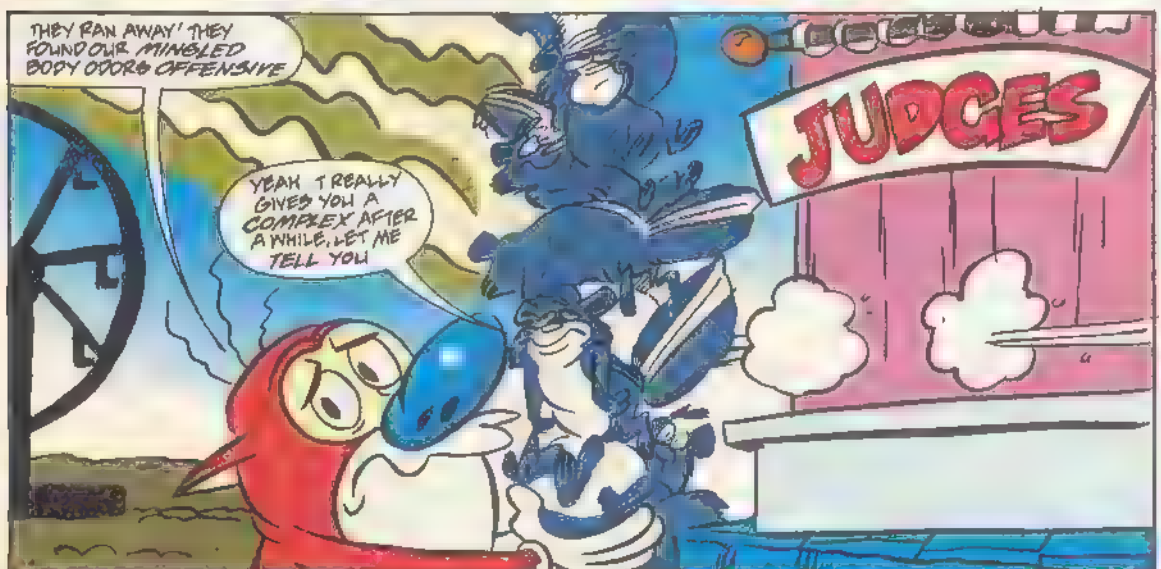
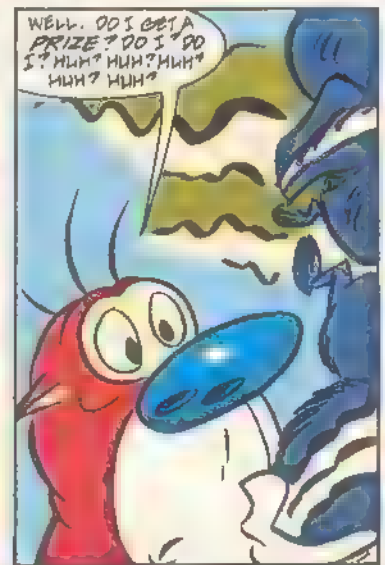
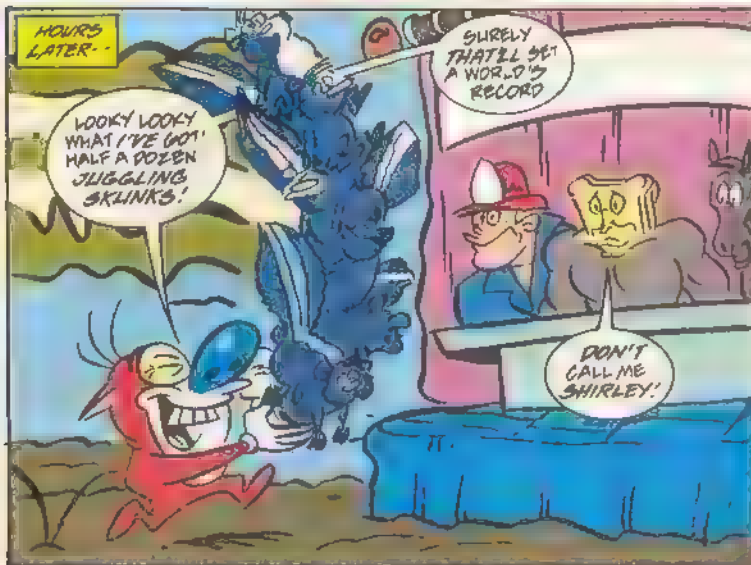
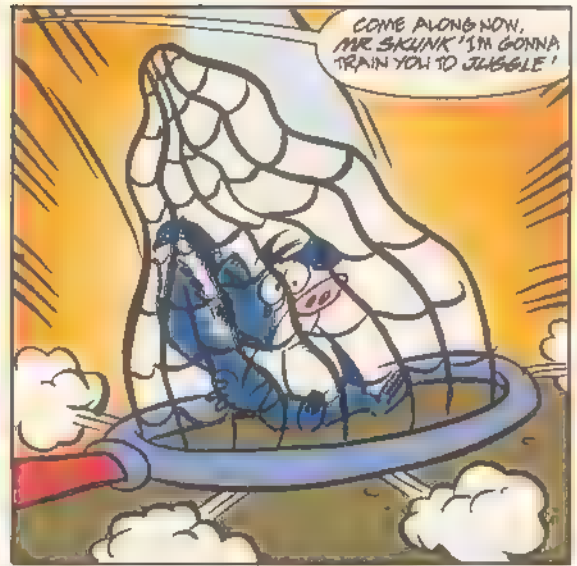
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I'M SAYING?
YOU CAN'T COMPETE
WITH GUYS LIKE
THIS!

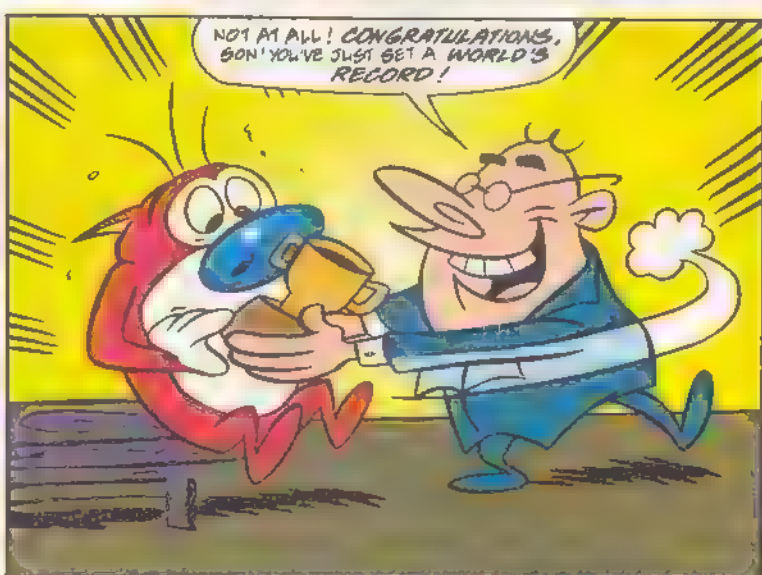
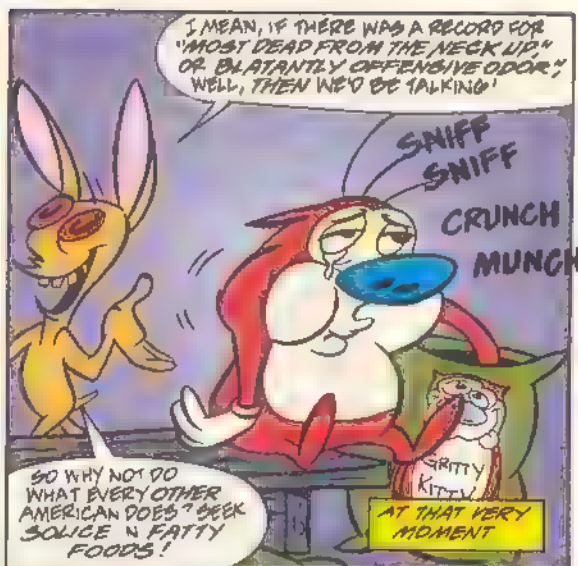
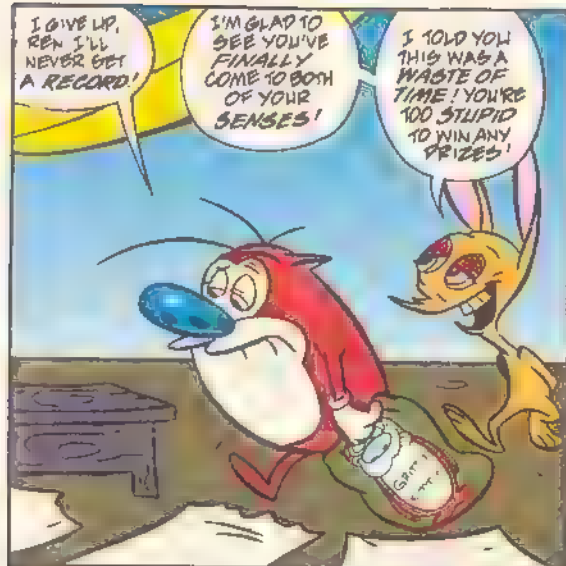
THIS GUY'S AN
EXPERT! HE'S BEEN
DOING THIS SINCE HE
WAS A BIG, FAT
KITTEN!

HIS HAIRBALL IS A
WORK OF ART! IT
LOOKS JUST LIKE THE
CAPITOL BUILDING!
YOURS LOOKS LIKE SOME-
THING THAT YOU JUST
SPUN OUT OF
YOUR MOUTH

MAYBE NOW YOU'LL
GIVE UP THIS SILLY
BUSINESS OF SETTING
A WORLD'S
RECORD!







BULLPEN BULLETINS

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hi, True Believers!

This one really caught me by surprise. It's one subject that I never expected to cover in my column. I like to tackle earth-shaking issues of lasting value and import. But Fate changed all that because, in this month's mail, I got a whole kaboodle of letters asking the same, unexpected question: *What's the story behind my usage of the word "Excelsior?"*

Well, since so many of you bothered to ask, I guess we might as well put the whole maniacal matter to rest once and for all.

It started like this ... I've always liked to pepper things I write with my own expressions, like "Make Mine Marvel!" and "Take a Tadpole to Tea," and "Hang Loose," and "Face Front," etc. Years ago, I recall ending all my ubiquitous little Soapboxes with the still fondly remembered "Nuff Said."

But here's where the plot doth thicken. As time went by, I noticed that those lovable bits of literary lunacy were starting to pop up in, of all places, some of our competitors' magazines! (All except "Make Mine Marvel," though that's the only one would have liked them to use!)

Well, while it was very flattering to see "Hang Loose," "Face Front," and "Nuff Said" appearing in other mags, it also teed me off to have people appropriating expressions which had previously been identified with me. I had to find a catch phrase that no one else would be apt to "borrow!" But it had to be obscure, unfamiliar, a word our competitors would probably be unable to spell.

Then it hit me! I remembered having been fascinated by the word "Excelsior!" when, as a youngster, I read tales of King Arthur and his knights. The word is an old Arthurian rallying cry, meaning "Upward and Onward!"

So now you know, but, whatever you do, don't tell the competition, it's too difficult to dream up a new catchword every few years!

Excelsior!

(Remember, you heard it here!)

Stan
Stan Lee

NEWSLINE

ITEM! Marvel raises its quality on the mega-popular X-MEN line! Beginning with titles shipping this month, the X-Men family of books will be available in the new Deluxe format, featuring "full bleed" printing (you know -- where the art comes all the way to the edges of the page) on special coated stock (you know, like on covers) with computer color separations (with a sorts of new visual effects now possible). These books -- namely, **CABLE**, **EXCALIBUR**, **UNCANNY X-MEN**, **WOLVERINE X-FACTOR**, **X-FORCE**, **GENERATION X** and **X-MEN** -- can be yours for only \$1.95. But hey, if you still want to read the books in their current newsprint editions, we'll be making them available to you, too, for the usual buck fifty price. The standard editions of the titles will ship a mere two weeks following their Deluxe editions.

Let's face facts, friends. This is a big X-menent. We don't know if the majority of you will like the enhanced versions or the plain vanilla versions. And in all probability, only one version will survive. It's up to you. Please let us know which way you want to get your monthly doses of mutant madness! The future is in your hands!

ITEM! The Fantastic Four may have disbanded but their legacy lives on in **FANTASTIC FORCE**, an all-new monthly series beginning this month!

Tom Brevoort, who is co-scripting **FANTASTIC FORCE** with **Mike Kanterovich**, said **FANTASTIC FORCE** will

"attempt to capture the early spirit of the FF -- but in a thoroughly modern way." The art on the book is provided by newcomer **Dante Bastianoni**, about whom Tom said, "Nobody knows him now, but everybody will know him after the first issue!" The nker for **FANTASTIC FORCE** is **Ralph Cabrera**.

FANTASTIC FORCE is led by **Ps-Lord** (Franklin Richards), who, of course, is the son of Reed and Sue from the **Fantastic Four**. Rounding out the cast are **Huntara**, Franklin's crazed aunt from the future, **Vbraxas**, a new **Wakandan** character with the power to cause vibrations, and **Gigante**, an Inhuman with the power to turn into a big furry beast.

33 years ago, we launched the **FANTASTIC FOUR** as the **World's Greatest Comic Magazine**. Now here's your chance to get in on the ground floor as we introduce the **World's Greatest Comic Mag. Phase Two!** **ITEM!** If you spot a **Prowler** in your local comic shop this week, there's no need to call the police. This week marks the release of the

first issue of the **PROWLER Limited Series**. As long-time readers know, the **Prowler** -- the first superhero to ever have claws -- has been a supporting character in the **SPIDER-MAN** books for a long time.

THE PROWLER Limited Series starts off with a series of murders being committed. All evidence points to the **Prowler**, but we soon learn that it's the work of an all-new character called the **Night Creeper**, who Editor **Mark Powers** described as being "like a bad version of the **Prowler**!"

The creative team for **THE PROWLER** is writer **Carl Potts**, with pencils and inks provided by **Bill Reinhold**. Issue one is on sale now! Start prowling your neighborhood for it today!



NOW ON SALE

■ **ANNEX #4 OF 4:** Annex and Spidey take A.I.M. at Brazil! By **Mark Waid** and **John Byrne**.

■ **BEAUTY & THE BEAST #3:** Belle would never marry Gaston -- would she? By **Slate/Quarter/Valenti**.

■ **CABLE #17:** Someone wants to end the ride of the Dark Riders! By **John Byrne**.

■ **CAPTAIN AMERICA #433:** Against Baron Zemo and the whole Zemo! By **Mark Waid** and **Mike McKelvie**.

■ **CONAN SAGA #92:** Conan the Barbarian! By **John Byrne**.

■ **DAREDEVIL #334:** Daredevil! By **John Byrne**.

■ **DAREDEVIL TPB (ALL FROM 1994):** Daredevil! By **John Byrne**.

■ **DAREDEVIL #334:** Daredevil! By **John Byrne**.

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■ **DEADPOOL #4 OF 4:** The ultimate family feud -- with Deadpool caught in the middle! By **Wald/Churchill**.

■ **DOCTOR WHO #217:** The Doctor steers clear as the space cows strike! By **Roberts/Geraghty**.

■ **FANTASTIC FORCE #1:** This all-new team must face **Klaw**! By **Brevoort/Kanterovich/Bastianoni/Cabrera**.

■ **FANTASTIC FOUR TPB: TRIAL OF GALACTUS:** Fantastic Four! By **Tom Brevoort**.

■ **FORCE WORKS #5:** Force Works! By **Tom Brevoort**.

■ **GENERATION X ASH CAN:** Generation X! By **Tom Brevoort**.

■ **THE WANDERER #118:** The Wanderer! By **Tom Brevoort**.

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■ **MARVELS HARDCOVER:** With a new cover and some all-new art by **Alex Ross**! By **Busiek/Ross**.

■ **NAMOR #58:** Like father, like son! **Lyrion** invades the surface world! By **Harding/Isenwood**.

■ **NEW MUTANTS BOOKSHELF:** Re-presenting the very first adventure of the **New Mutants**! By **John Byrne**.

■ **PROWLER #1:** Criminals are being killed! Is the **Prowler** responsible? By **Potts/Reinhold**.

■ **PUNISHER ARMORY #10:** Frank's! By **Tom Brevoort**.

■ **REINOLD STIMPY #24:** Reinhold! By **Tom Brevoort**.

■ **SPIDER-MAN #25:** Spider-Man! By **Tom Brevoort**.

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Specialist returns for this special anniversary issue! By **David**.

■ **SPIDER-MAN MEGAZINE #2:** Mega-classic tales of **Spidey** Gambit and more!

■ **TALES OF SUSPENSE #30:** Milestone! Re-presenting Iron Marvel's origin! By **Lee/Lieber/Heckl**.

■ **UNCANNY X-MEN #318:** It's a sad day for the X-Men as **Jubilee** says goodbye! By **Lobell/Madureira/Grant**.

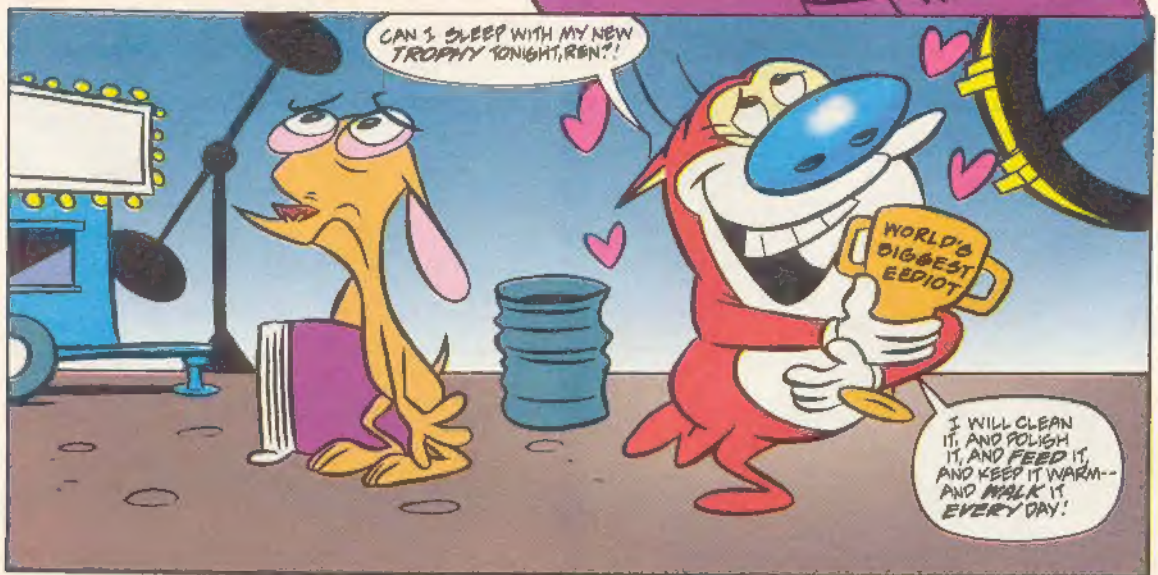
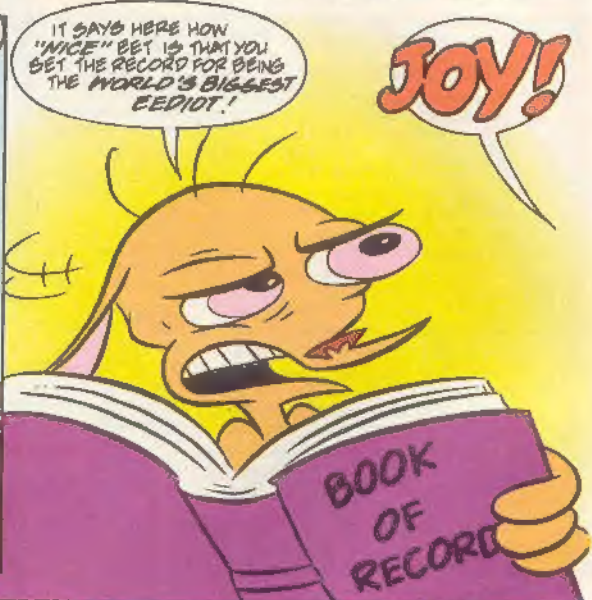
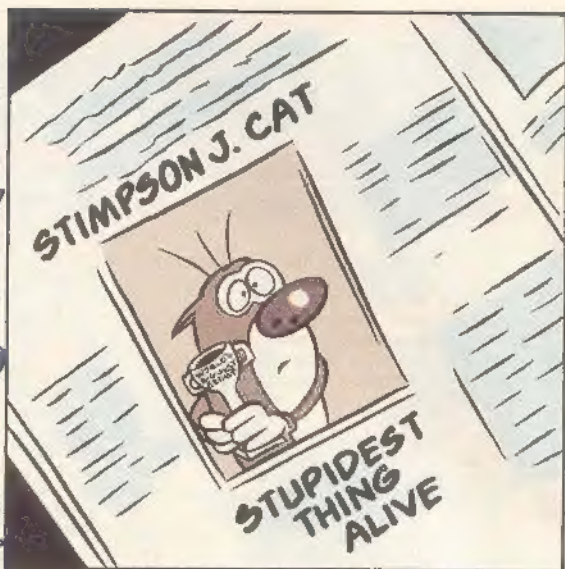
■ **VINTAGE PACK:** A collection of 20 Marvel masterpieces for a super-low price! By Various.

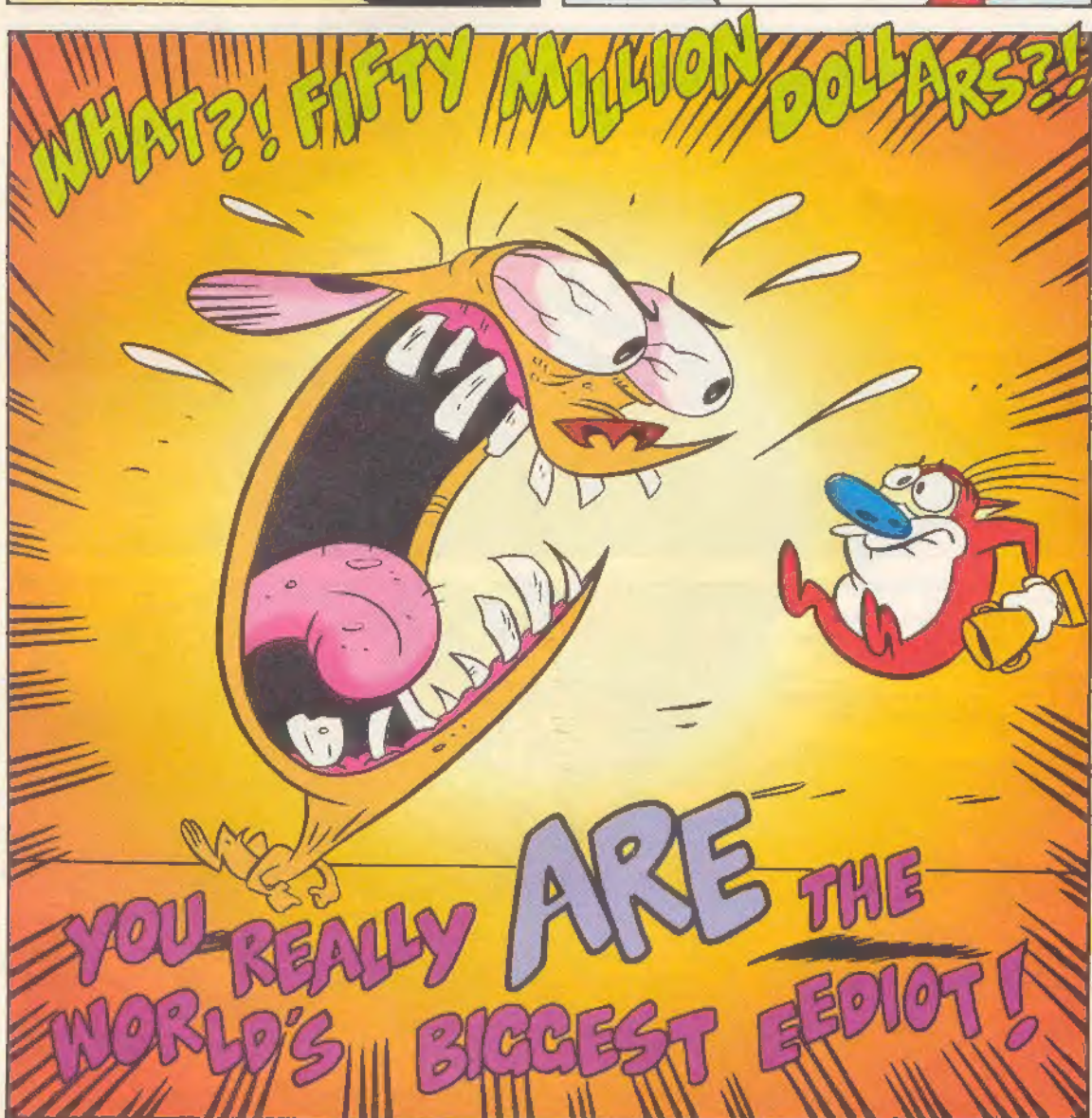
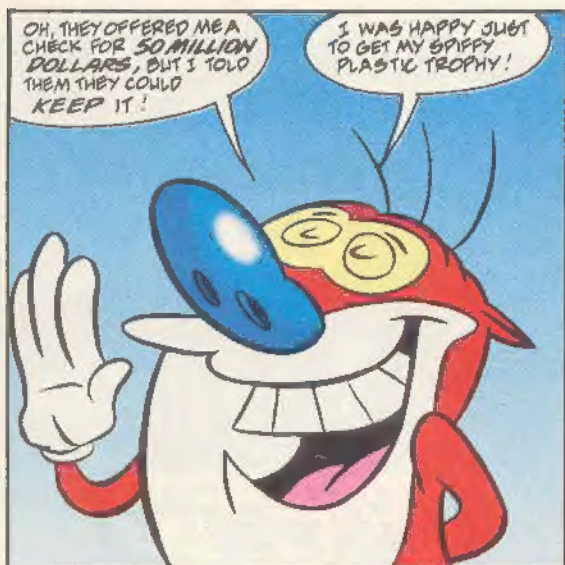
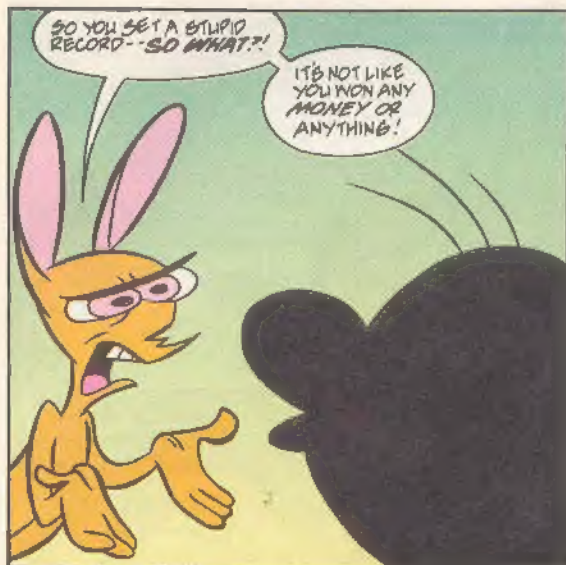
■ **WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #118:** The Spider-Man! By **Tom Brevoort**.

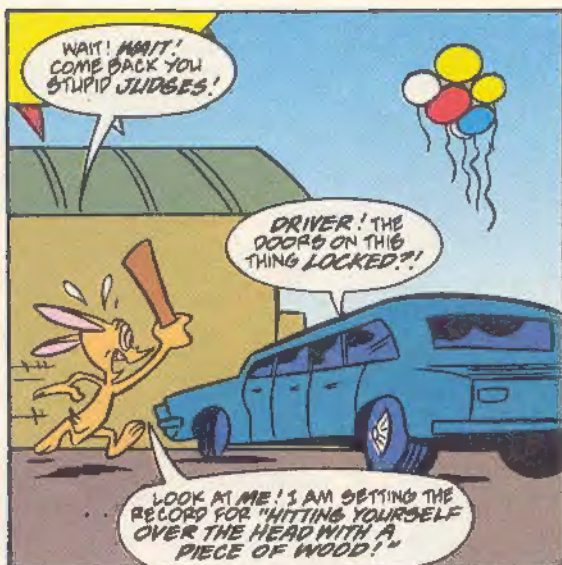
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ASK DR. STUPID

"WORLD FAMOUS"
MIKE LACKEY
GROOVY EDITOR DUDE

KIDS! SEND YOUR
CARDS AND LETTERS

FOR
ASK DR. STUPID
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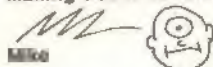


MESSAGE FROM MIKE

Hope you enjoyed our *Box Top-Book of Records* issue, gang. We've got so many new stories planned for the next few issues, with so many new writers and artists coming in to lend a helping hand, that we think you'll agree that **REN & STIMPY** comics are definately on an upswing that can't...won't be ignored!

Also, a special *Bon Voyage* to our pal Susan Lopusniak, who's vacationing in Australia and the Orient for a well-deserved break from our monthly madness. She'll be back soon, so don't fret!

Making tracks towards the litter box,



Dear Dr. Stupid,
Why do I see the moon still out when the sun is out?

Annie Karayiannis
Carbondale, IL

X-Ray vision.

Dear Dr. Stupid,
Why can't we order our parents around like they do us?

Sean Carile
Wichita, KS

Evolution.

Dear Dr. Stupid,
What are the red things in olives?

Joshua Malatino
Gloversville, NY

Bulls.

Dear Dr. Stupid,
Why aren't time travelers from the future visiting us right now?

Sam Pagel
Yokum, TX

Hmm, that's funny. They were just here a second ago.

Dear Dr. Stupid,
If we're standing on Antarctica and it's at the bottom of the Earth, why isn't the blood rushing to our heads?

Kimberly Wendt
San Jose, CA

Gravity.

Dear Dr. Stupid,

Do aliens really make crop formations with their space ships?

Larry Alegre
Harbor City, CA

No, they use their very large, very flat feet. But don't mention it again, they're also very sensitive about it.

Dear Dr. Stupid,

How do you know the answer to my question?

Amber Krukawski
Milwaukee, WI

What was the question, again?

Dear Dr. Stupid,
If somebody knows a lot about clocks, are they clockwise?

Jay and Brad Ayres
Rockville, MD

Yes, and if they're eating too much junk food, they're pound foolish!

Dear Dr. Stupid,

What does O.K. stand for?

Eric Heredia
Brooklyn, NY

I refuse to answer that question, as it only insults us all.

Dear Dr. Stupid,

Which side is right?

Sara Denzer
Memfield, MN

I had the answer, but it just left.

Dear Dr. Stupid,

How come you can pick your friends, you can pick your nose, but you can't pick your friend's nose?

Dominick Giordano
New Hyde Park, NY

Well, Dominick, nose picking is an intensely private act. To preserve the integrity of our delicate interpersonal relationships I think it's best to leave the mystery of what's in your friend's nose to your friend. But if you're dying of curiosity, I suppose it's okay if you ask him to show you.

Dear Dr. Stupid,

How come monkeys have tails and apes don't?

Gina Vasiloff

Norman, OK

Apes feel they look better in dinner jackets than tuxedos.

Dear Dr. Stupid,

Are you for real? I mean, do you really answer these questions?

Mike Rucci
Bergenfield, NJ

Hey...what do I look like, kid?

Dear Dr. Stupid,

Why do grown-ups call kids with orange hair carrot tops when the tops of carrots are green?

Matt and Zach
Freeland, PA

Quit your complaining, Matt & Zach. You should hear what they call green-haired kids!

Dear Dr. Stupid,

What am I supposed to do when a boy likes me and I hate him?

Jennica Southern
La Selva Beach, CA

Try picking his nose.

Dear Dr. Stupid,

Is hair really dead?

Rachael Ellis
Reading, PA

No, but many brains are!

Dear Dr. Stupid,

What color are red blood cells?

Molly Barnes
Oak Park, IL

Sanguine.

Dear Dr. Stupid,

Why do people burp?

Krystle Medina
Chicago, IL

Hairball expectation-envy.

NEXT ISSUE: **REN & STIMPY** celebrates it's 25th issue with a groovy *die-cut* cover, (Not to worry, you cheapsles...a special, non-enhanced version will also be available) in which Stimpy goes to **OBEEDIENCE SCHOOL**, courtesy of Barry, Ken & Buz. Then thrill to the spectacle of **DOGZILLA** by Scott, Ken & Buz.